

TRIBUTE TO JENNIFER SPROUT

• Mr. HELLER. Mr. President, today I wish to congratulate Jennifer Sprout on her retirement after serving as CEO of the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce for 6 years. It gives me great pleasure to recognize her years of service to the city of Elko's business community.

Ms. Sprout grew up in California and moved to Elko when she was 19 years old. Prior to working for the chamber, she served as account manager and general manager for Holiday Broadcasting of Elko. In 2009, Ms. Sprout accepted the position of CEO at the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce. As CEO, she served as a powerful voice for Elko businesses, working to bring awareness to issues affecting this community.

She also spearheaded efforts to grow outside recognition of the resources the city has to offer and provided opportunities for business leaders to come together. The city of Elko is recognized as a tourist destination and economic hub for the northeastern part of Nevada, due in part to Ms. Sprout's hard work and unwavering dedication to growing the community. To say she has had a positive impact on the city of Elko would be an understatement. The strong foundation she has built throughout her tenure will be felt for years to come.

The Elko Area Chamber of Commerce was established on April 1, 1907, to support the local business community and promote the city of Elko. Today the chamber has over 700 businesses represented through various members. This incredible organization has helped businesses through times of economic downturn and recovery to stay on their feet and succeed. Through the incredible work of the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce, Elko's business community continues to thrive and maintain a high quality of life for residents. The city of Elko is fortunate to have had someone like Ms. Sprout leading the way at this important chamber.

Ms. Sprout has demonstrated professionalism, commitment to excellence, and dedication to the highest standards during her tenure at the Elko Area Chamber of Commerce. I am both humbled and honored by her service and am proud to call her a fellow Nevadan.

Today I ask all of my colleagues to join me in congratulating Ms. Sprout on her retirement from the chamber and in wishing her well at her new position with Design Concepts. I give my deepest appreciation for all that she has done for the city of Elko. •

REMEMBERING DR. ROBERT B. HAYLING

• Mr. NELSON. Mr. President, today I wish to honor the achievements of Dr. Robert B. Hayling, a civil rights leader in Florida who passed away on December 20, 2015, at the age of 86.

Dr. Hayling was born in Tallahassee and graduated from Florida Agricul-

tural & Mechanical College. Upon graduation, Dr. Hayling served in the U.S. Air Force. Dr. Hayling went on to receive his degree in dentistry from Meharry Medical College and became the first African-American dentist in Florida to be elected to the local, regional, State, and national components of the American Dental Association.

Throughout his years as a community leader and civil rights activist in St. Augustine, Dr. Hayling faced numerous threats, hate speech, and brutal violence at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan. Nevertheless, Dr. Hayling persevered in his resolve for racial equality and is widely recognized as a father of the St. Augustine civil rights movement. During a time of widespread racial divide, Dr. Hayling served as an adviser to the youth council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and as head of the St. Augustine chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the national organization of which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was president.

Dr. Hayling is the recipient of various honors and awards, including the Order of La Florida and the de Aviles award which honors citizens that have dedicated themselves to the community of St. Augustine. Scott Street in St. Augustine has been renamed Dr. Robert B. Hayling Place in his honor.

Dr. Hayling was inducted into the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame and received a certificate of recognition by St. Augustine's mayor. Even his old dental office became the first civil rights museum in Florida. Further, State Senator Tony Hill sponsored the Dr. Robert B. Hayling Award of Valor, which is presented to civil rights heroes, and a bronze plaque testifying to Dr. Hayling's contributions hangs in the lobby of the Florida State Capitol.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Dr. Robert B. Hayling for his commitment, achievements, and dedication in advancing the cause of racial equality and civil rights on both a national and State level.

I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and loved ones of Dr. Robert B. Hayling. •

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:47 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 238. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Prisons to issue oleoresin capicum spray to officers and employees of the Bureau of Prisons.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 812. An act to provide for Indian trust asset management reform, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1475. An act to authorize a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial and to allow certain private contributions to fund that Wall of Remembrance.

H.R. 2880. An act to redesignate the Martin Luther King, Junior, National Historic Site in the State of Georgia, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3004. An act to amend the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Act to extend the authorization for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Commission.

H.R. 3371. An act to adjust the boundary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park to include the Wallis House and Harriston Hill, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3620. An act to amend the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area Improvement Act to provide access to certain vehicles serving residents of municipalities adjacent to the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH) announced that on today, February 25, 2016, he has signed the following enrolled bills, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

H.R. 487. An act to allow the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma to lease or transfer certain lands.

H.R. 890. An act to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in Florida.

H.R. 3262. An act to provide for the conveyance of land of the Illiana Health Care System of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Danville, Illinois.

H.R. 4056. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to convey to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs all right, title, and interest of the United States to the property known as "The Community Living Center" at the Lake Baldwin Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic, Orlando, Florida.

H.R. 4437. An act to extend the deadline for the submittal of the final report required by the Commission on Care.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 12:09 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 2109. An act to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to develop an integrated plan to reduce administrative costs under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).